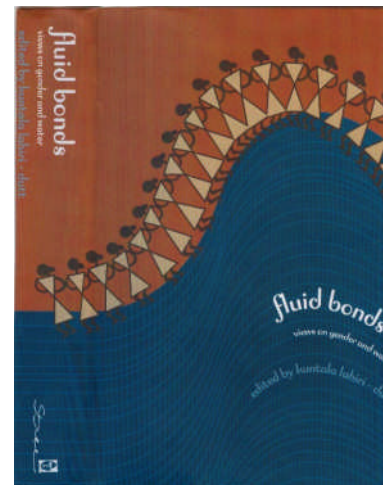


Fluid Bonds: Views on Gender and Water

edited by Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt

2006 (23 x 16cm, 464 pp, ISBN 81-85604-70-3) Price: AU\$ 40.00



Fluid Bonds makes gender visible in the various ways water is dealt with, and questions how these ways affect gender and how gender affects the views on water. The connections between gender and water are multifaceted, contingent and heterogeneous. Through a rich offering of case studies, it identifies the multiple and changing relationships between the two, and notes some commonalities whilst gendering the use and management of water. The streams of hydrofeminisms converging in *Fluid Bonds* create a common terrain for the scholars and experts from the North and the South representing a wide range of methodological approaches, backgrounds and understandings, from where to reappraise water as a gendered substance. Collectively, the contributors consider the problematic fluidity and indefinite categories of gender and water, tracing the bonds as well as drawing out some differences, focusing on the gendered nature of water in life, of which women and men, at all times, constitute a part. The book will be of immediate interest to academics, development planners, administrators, educators, activists and water experts.

The Editor

Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt is with the Resource Management in Asia Pacific Program, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, at The Australian National University. She can be contacted at Kuntala.lahiri-dutt@anu.edu.au or 61 2 6125 4343.

Contents

Introduction by *Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt*

Part 1: Global Discourses on Gender and Water

Rights, Meanings and Discourses: Gender Dimensions of Water Rights in Diverging Regimes of Representation in the Andes by *Margreet Zwarteveen and Rutgerd Boelens*

Economic Globalisation, Sustainability, Gender and Water by *Julie Davidson and Elaine Stratford*

Changing Country, Telling Stories: Research Ethics, Methods and Empowerment in Working with Aboriginal Women by *Richard Howitt and Sandra Suchet-Pearson*

Applying a Gender Lens to the Global Political Economy of the Right to Water by *Deb Foskey*

Re-Sourcing the Sacredness of Water by *Diana James*

Part 2: Gendered Waters in Times and Places

Gender, Water Rights and Irrigation in Nepal by *Franz and Keebet von Benda-Beckmann*

Fishing for Power? Women in the Fishing Industry in Australia by *Jane Dowling*

A Gender and Poverty Approach in Practice in Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Projects in Nepal by *Michelle Moffatt and Umesh Pandey*

Women and Water: Perceptions and Priorities in Rural India by *Anil C. Shah*

Women, Men and Water in Australian Backyards by *Lesley Head and Pat Muir*

Risks, Responses and Rights: Gender Dimensions of Water Excess and Water Scarcity, Mekong Delta, Vietnam by *Fiona Miller*

Part 3: Gendered Cultures and Economies of Water

Gender and Participation in a Water Supply and Sanitation Project: Mekong Delta, Vietnam by *Barbara Earth and Tran Tuan Anh*

Gender Implications of Water Management in Australian Agriculture by *Margaret Alston*

Poverty and Gendered Livelihoods: Making Water Work by *Bhawana Upadhyay*

Access to Water and Sanitation and the Willingness to Pay for Projects in Rural India by *Priyodorshi Banerjee and S. Chandrasekhar*.

Part 4 Representations and Agency of Women in Water

Gender, Race and Rivers: Women and Water in Northwestern NSW by *Heather Goodall*

Stella Mendoza: A 'Water warrior' in the Imperial Valley, California by *Namika Raby*

Silent Partners: The Fluid Relationship between Women and Dammed Rivers in the Snowy Region of Australia by *Robin Tennant-Wood*

Gender and Agricultural Productivity: Implications for the Revitalization of Smallholder Irrigation Schemes Program in Sekhukhune District, South Africa by *Barbara van Koppen, Tshepo Khumbane, Mama de Lange and Ndileka Mohapi*

In the Running for Water Authority by *Annie Bolitho*

Gendered Waters, Poisoned Wells: Political Ecology of the Arsenic Crisis in Bangladesh by *Farhana Sultana*

Nadi o Nari: Representing the River and Women of the Rural Communities in the Bengal Delta by *Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt*

To purchase please contact: Ms Mandira Sen, Director, Stree, 16 Southern Ave, Kolkata 700 026

Email: stree@cal2.vsnl.net.in; Website: www.streebooks.com